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Applicant: Eddy LAMBERT et al.

Title: BURNER MEMBRANE COMPRISING A NEEDLED METAL
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I. Group I should include "apparatus" claim 12 but not method claim 38. Thus Group I consists of claims 1-8, 12-20, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 40.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995).

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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